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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM TOON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: APER, UR

SUBJECT: LACK OF SOVIET RESPONSE ON AGREEMENT REQUEST

1. ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME FOR US TO MAKE A STATEMENT ALONG
FOLLOWING LINES -- PREFERABLY IN YOUR NAME?

2. OVER TWO MONTHS AGO WE REQUESTED SOVIET AGREEMENT
FOR AMBASSADOR TOON'S APPOINTMENT TO MOSCOW. WE
HAVE HAD NO REPLY. WE REGARD THIS BEHAVIOR AS UN-
WARRANTED ABUSE OF THE AGREEMENT PROCEDURE. WHILE
WE ARE NOT PRIVY TO SOVIET MOTIVATIONS, WE WOULD
SIMPLY POINT OUT THAT THE AGREEMENT HAS NEVER BEEN REGARDED
AS A DEVICE FOR SCREENING OUT CANDIDATES WHOSE POLITICAL
VIEWS MAY NOT COINCIDE WITH THOSE OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT.
IF THIS WERE THE CASE, IT WOULD NEVER BE POSSIBLE TO
ACCREDIT A SOVIET ENVOY TO WASHINGTON.

3. FURTHER DELAY BY THE SOVIETS WILL COMPEL US TO
CONSIDER THE ADVISABILITY OF REQUESTING THAT
THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR HERE DEPART WASHINGTON ON EXTENDED
LEAVE. IT IS AT BEST UNFAIR FOR ONE NATION TO HAVE
THE SERVICES OF AN AMBASSADOR AND THE OTHER TO BE DENIED
THIS ADVANTAGE.

4. PLEASE UNDERSTAND THE CONCERN REFLECTED BY THE ABOVE
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HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME PERSONALLY. IT HAS EVERYTHING TO DO WITH

THE GOOD NAME AND POSTURE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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